

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending. Claim 1 is amended.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Vortman in the November 18 telephone interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

In paragraph 3, on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) reference U.S. Patent No. 5,619,036 to Salvio et al. (Salvio) taken with IDS reference EP 0751040 to Furuta et al. ("Furuta") and with U.S. Patent No. 3,784,970 to Simpkin. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' claim 1 calls for an apparatus for watching around the vehicle, the apparatus mounted thereon, the apparatus comprising an image pickup unit, having a reflective portion and an imaging portion, for picking up an image to a left side and a right side at the front of the vehicle, the image pick-up unit fitted to an opening of a grille formed outside a vehicular radiator with respect to a vehicle operator, only the reflective portion of the image pick-up unit extending beyond the grille, reflective surfaces of the reflective portion disposed in parallel to a vertical direction of the vehicle and the imaging portion taking in the image reflected by the reflective portion; a display unit for displaying the image, the display unit provided in the vehicle; a control unit for processing the image to enable the vehicle operator to control movement of the vehicle based on the displayed image; and a warning unit coupled to the control unit and transmitting a warning signal to user of another vehicle.

As agreed during the telephone interview, the applied combination does not suggest the invention as now presented. This agreement was reached based on a review by the Examiner of the amended claims as provided by facsimile on November 17, 2005. The Examiner stated at

the conclusion of the telephone interview that an updated search would be required. Therefore, it is respectfully requested the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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